B I R D C A L E N D A R - B u l l e t i n N o. 1.

March - 1916

After an early and mid-winter season of less than usual severity, much cold weather, with snow, came in late February and early March; these conditions probably checked many early migrants, but Robins and Bluebirds were present in considerable numbers on March 12 and 13, and the Bluebird was noticed at Norwalk as early as March 5. Another check came with March 14, and conditions changed but slowly until the 25th, when a warm wave had brought summer temperatures, and to all appearances thousands of birds; most of those birds, however, were undoubtedly here before the 25th of March, but suddenly became more noticeable on account of their greater activity.

In the case of our common spring birds migration does not begin or end at any definite point, but is going on at all points south of any station which the wave has not reached. Birds like the Robins and Bluebirds, which reached Cleveland on March 12, do not shift southward again, unless driven off by hunger; they remain silent in close cover, and do not suffer from the cold unless their food-supply is cut off.

All birds reported during the past and present seasons, will be listed in sequence, and Bulletins will be issued in March, April, and May. All students and others interested in Birds should send their reports in to the Biological Laboratory. Students should not be discouraged if their reports do not appear in the lists, for this merely implies that they have been anticipated in such instances by other observers.

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1. Sparrow Hawk; Occasionally seen on Adelbert College campus and suburbs during the winter.
2. American Crow; First seen in small numbers on Feb'y. 25, and soon after in large flocks; Mayfield Rd.
3. Downy Woodpecker; October 28 a bird came to Miss Davis' porch Gates' Mill, and began to drill a hole in one of the pillars, which was of soft pine, and hollow; the hole 1½ inches in diameter and neatly cut, was finished on Nov. 6th. The same or similar bird came repeatedly to the same hole in January, 1916. The incident furnishes an interesting illustration of what may be called 'lack of attunement' in the usual instinctive activities, behavior peculiar to nest-building being manifested seven months before the usual time; or it may be the regular activity of producing a winter nest for protection.
4. Black-capped Titmouse; common during winter.
5. Tufted Titmouse; March 11, Noble Rd.; Mrs. Ruedy.
6. White-bellied Nuthatch; occasional in winter.
7. Golden-crowned Kinglet; occasional in winter.
8. Cardinal; irregular, but rather common in winter and spring.
9. Great Herring Gull; common in harbor, and along lake-shore.
10. Winter Wren; Mar. 19, Mayfield Rd.; Profesor Hulme.
11. Screech Owl; occasional in winter.
12. Junco; common winter resident.
13. Snow bunting; Feb'y. 26, small flock, Noble Rd.
14. Pine Grosbeak; March 11, small flock, Noble Rd.
15. Goldfinch; March 23, two on Noble Road.

16. Flicker; Feb'y 18, one on Mayfield Rd.; Professor Hulme. Had undoubtedly wintered in the vicinity.
17. Canada Goose; March 14, Massillon, flock of 50; Mrs. Haring.
18. Robin; All winter at Massillon; Mrs. Haring. One near the Elysium, Euclid Ave; Professor Von den Steinen; at nearly same time, one at 107th St, Miss Ostrander. March 7, Adelbert College campus; Mr. Nolan. March 9, Mayfield Rd. Professor Hulme; March 11, Noble Rd., and occasionally seen from late Feb'y.; Mrs. Ruedy. March 12, Noble Rd., flock of seven; same date in Gordon Park; Dr. Breitenbecher and Mr. Nolan.
19. Bluebird. March 5, two males, Norwalk; Mr. Sheldon. March 12, Massillon, Mrs. Haring; March 13, Mayfield Rd., Mrs. Ruedy. March 24-25 very abundant.
20. Song Sparrow; March 13, Numerous, and singing, Noble Rd. Same date, Rockefeller Park; Harold Hulme.
21. Bronzed Grackle; March 13, Massillon; Mrs. Haring; March 18, Mayfield Rd., near Cornell; Donald Hulme. March 23, several, Adelbert College Campus; Dr. Breitenbecher; after this date, common.
22. Red-winged Blackbird; March 12, flock of 300 at Massillon; Mrs. Haring; March 26, small flock, Noble Rd; Mrs. Ruedy.
23. Meadow Lark; March 13, singing, Noble Rd; Mrs. Herrick.
24. Killdeer; March 13, Massillon, Mrs. Haring; March 24, Wade Park, Dr. Breitenbecher; March 26, Noble Rd; Mrs. Ruedy, Same date, Mayfield Rd; Professor Hulme.
25. Phoebe; March 25, Wade Park; Professor Hulme. March 25, Noble Rd.
26. Great Northern Shrike; March 26, Noble Rd; Mrs. Ruedy
27. Cowbird; March 25, one male, Noble Rd; Mrs. Ruedy.
28. Nighthawk; March 25, one, Noble Rd; Mrs. Ruedy.
29. Cedarbird; March 26, flock of fifty, Rockerfeller Blvd. Dr. Breitenbecher.